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[1](#)B. SECSTATE 85663

Classified By: DCM Hugo Llorens for reasons 1.4 a & d.

[1](#)1. (S) Per reftel instructions, Post notified the GOS of US Air Force Europe's plans to eliminate the 38th Combat Support Wing and reduce 31 USAFE positions at Moron air base by the end of FY09. Post delivered the notification through the US-Spain Permanent Committee (PC), which is established under the bilateral defense treaty and coordinates defense issues, including US use of Spanish bases on a day-to-day basis. When the President of the US side of the PC (the Office of Defense Cooperation chief) talked with RADM Francisco Moreno, President of the Spanish side of the PC, on July 6, he emphasized that the small force structure change was part of the normal growing and shrinking of a geographically separated unit that adjusts size and structure according to mission needs. Moreno was appreciative of the advance notification, but had no substantive response.

[1](#)2. (S) COMMENT: While Moreno was apparently unaware of this action (as would be expected for someone in a MOD headquarters position like his), the Spanish Air Force will have known because its people stationed at Moron witnessed the change of command ceremony and other changes that have already occurred at the base.
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